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Club Calendar

Tuesday, June 14 — Open House for *Geraldine Fitch*. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7:30. Reservations, please.

Thursday, June 16 — Luncheon meeting. James D. Mooney, former GM overseas executive, speaking on surpluses. 12:30 sharp. Reservations, please.

Thursday, June 16 — Board of Governors meeting. 7:30 P.M.

People & Places

Marguerite Higgins of the Herald-Tribune about to go off on another trip to Russia... *Lee Neumann*, formerly a freelance sportswriter for Japanese English-language newspapers, now with the staff of Pacific Stars and Stripes in Tokyo... *E.J.B. Rose* of the International Press Institute in Geneva was a recent visitor to the Club. He was shown around by President *Lochner* and discussed the OPC campaign for freer flow of news. He urged that any foreign correspondents assigned to stories in Switzerland check with him before they get started. He is in a position to put them in touch with good sources... *Jules Dubois* Chicago Trib Latam beat man, had two fine pieces written about him recently. One was by Bob Brown in Editor and Publisher, the other by Arch Ward, top Trib sports scribe (if that expression is still in use). Dubois, it seems, helped the U.S. contingent to the recent Pan-American games in Mexico City above and beyond—interpreting, acting as protocol chief, arranging a radio show. Got a plaque from the U.S. Olympic Committee for his pains... A hefty contingent of OPCers took off via PanAm for the gala opening of the Istanbul Hilton hotel. Among them: *Bob Considine*, *Tex* and *Jinx McCrary*, *John Creedy*, *Jack O'Brien*, *John Cameron Swayze*, and *Ed Allen*. Joining the "Magic Carpet" plane along the line were *Art Buchwald* and *William Randolph Hearst Jr.* The junket was replete, as

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MOONEY: A new Point Four plan Former GM Overseas Head To Speak at Luncheon

James D. Mooney, formerly vice president in charge of General Motors' overseas operation and more recently a member of the Hoover Commission task force on surpluses, has been booked as the luncheon speaker for Thursday, June 16.

Mooney, who has just finished a tour of Latin America, will outline a plan for giving technical aid to underdeveloped areas and simultaneously disposing of surpluses which have been built up in the United States. The title of his talk will be: "Surpluses: International Curse or Blessing?"

Although at present, he is senior associate of J.D. Mooney Associates, management and industrial consultants, Mooney was for 25 years vice president and executive vice president of General Motors and served as Group Executive in charge of General Motors Overseas Corporations. Later, he was named chairman of the board and president of Willys-Overland Motors, where he organized the company's post-war rehabilitation and expansion program.

As usual, the luncheon will begin at 12:30 sharp, and reservations are requested early.

Singapore Police Cleared in Gene Symonds' Death

Singapore coroner K.T. Alexander this week cleared the police department of the city of any criminal negligence in the death of United Press Southeast Asia correspondent Gene Symonds, and the United Press considered plans for further action.

Symonds, 29, was fatally assaulted on May 13 by a mob in Singapore.

The inquest into his death had been delayed earlier by Alexander on application from representatives of Symonds' family.

The Overseas Press Club had also requested a delay until representatives of the UP and OPC could arrive in Singapore. In answer to the Club's cable requesting the delay, Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner cabled that "the Government's only object is to resolve the matter completely and fairly as soon as possible."

He said he shared the OPC's "deep sorrow" at Symonds' tragic death and promised that the inquest would "cover in open court the question of the circumstances in which he met his death."

Considine and AEC Fall Out Over Fallout

Past President Bob Considine, speaking to 259 editors and publishers at Lawton, Okla., last week, attacked U.S. government stoppages of news and said that such practices are "keeping two thirds of the news from the people."

He criticized the Atomic Energy Commission for withholding for a year the news that the fall-out from the Bikini thermonuclear tests would have covered an area the size of New Jersey.

"The Russians certainly knew about that," he said, "but we were in the dark and ignorant of the situation for a full year."

AROUND THE NETWORKS

by Art Settel

OPC'er Edward R. Murrow (CBS) created a new record as the most satirized, caricatured and imitated television personality. Latest take-off on Sunday (5) by Martin and Lewis was hilarious!... Larry Spivak (NBC) scored a beat again when "Meet The Press" interviewed the United States Surgeon General Dr. L.A. Scheele last Sunday (5). Story made page one all over the country... All networks carrying U.N. 10th birthday anniversary celebration in San Francisco on June 20th. Covering for CBS are Winston Burdett; George Herman and Larry LeSueur, Pauline Frederick for NBC. President Eisenhower will be heard from 6:00 - 6:30 PM... Watch for Reader's article on "American Forum of the Air" and its maestro, Ted Granik, in the August issue... Our choice for the Program-of-the-Month: "Newsmakers", a weekly series heard on the CBS Radio Network, Wednesdays from 10:05 - 10:15 PM consisting of behind-the-scenes personality sketches dealing with the people who make the headlines... OPC'er Allan Jackson, back from a news survey of South America, reports that Rio de Janeiro is the only place in the world that has streetcars running both ways on one-way streets... Germans are poor conversationalists, said John Mason Brown on CBS Radio's "Invitation to Learning," "because all German sentences are so long, and you have to wait till the end to hear the verb, and for that reason it gives you no chance for a friendly interruption."... The fishing

season seems to have made its mark on the new edition of the CBS Radio personnel directory. In addition to newsman Robert Trout, it lists Leonard Bass, Robert Pike and Price E. Fish...

OPC'er Morgan Beatty (NBC) has joined the list of commentators who will preside over four-hour segments of entertainment and information on *Monitor*, web's new weekend radio service which will be introduced with a one-hour simulcast on Sunday, June 12 (4-5:00 PM, EDT). On weekends thereafter, "Monitor" will be heard from 8 a.m. Saturday until Sunday midnight, EDT.

PEOPLE & PLACES (Ctd. from p. 1)

these Hilton junkets have been in the past, with food, drink, and movie stars... Dan Van Acker is looking around for Dixieland musicians to get an OPC band together. He says that if enough members will turn out, the Club could get jam sessions going as a pretty regular thing, inviting the pros to sit in. Anyone interested should leave his name with the Club receptionist... Tom Mahoney's new Harper's book, "The Great Merchants," an account of twenty famous retailers, will be published in a Spanish edition at Madrid by Aguilar S.A. de Ediciones... Hal Lavine's Newsweek piece on teenage killers looked good in German. A pickup by a South German paper... Wythe Williams' story which appeared some years ago in the Saturday Evening Post and later won an O. Henry award, will be televised on the Schlitz "Play-

OVERSEAS MEMBERS NEWS ASKED

More news of overseas members has been requested by Bulletin readers, and the editors of the Bulletin are well aware of the need to keep the Bulletin an information sheet of what is going on, and who's doing what outside the continental limits.

There is a regular staff of Bulletin correspondents in major cities, but news of and from members (and even non-members who are foreign correspondents) is always welcome.

Expanded overseas coverage is planned by the new Bulletin staff, and volunteers are urged to send in their names.

We have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat - and a byline. News from everywhere is needed, and a post-card will be fine.

house of Stars" on June 24... Vic Riesel back from the British elections and the international labor congress in Vienna... Adele Nathan was on the Maggie McNellis television show in New York recently... There was a blooper in the Bulletin account of the OPC television show over NBC. We listed H. V. Kaltenborn as present when he was not, and also omitted the names of Hal Boyle, Pete Huss, and Hank Cassidy, all of whom took part... A reminder to committee secretaries: File the minutes of your meetings or a report on a meeting with the Club Secretary-Treasurer, A. Wilfred May.

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SAN FRANCISCO WELCOME MAT

San Francisco's Press and Union League Club, official press headquarters for the United Nations Tenth Anniversary Commemorative Session, has extended an invitation to all members of the Overseas Press Club who will be in San Francisco to make the Press Club their headquarters.

An OPC Committee for the PULC has been organized and consists of the following Overseas Press Club members: N.R. Farbman, Robin Kinkead, David Perlman, Sam Jaffe, Joe Rosenthal, and Joseph Q. Riznik.

There will be a press room, wire services, transportation to and from the Opera House, "mile-long bar", and the usual parties.

Riznik reported that on June 26, there will be an outing on San Francisco Bay, topped by a Sunday supper. He urgently

HAWAIIAN DINNER DRAWS A FULL HOUSE

A packed dining room and bar celebrated last Tuesday Kamehameha Day, which falls on June 11, with orchids, leis, hulas, steel guitars, and suckling pig. It was the latest in the Hospitality Committee's series of regional dinners.

King Kamehameha, who reigned in the late eighteenth century, was the Hawaiian Islands' first true king. He united the various groups inhabiting the islands, and created a monarchy which lasted until the annexation to the United States.

"Just a Skirmish"

Guest of honor at the Dinner was Mrs. Joseph Farrington, Hawaii's chief delegate to the U.S. In a brief speech, she traced the Islands' history since the days of Kamehameha and said that since the apparent defeat of the joint bill for Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood, the chances were better than ever for Hawaiian statehood. She took issue with those who saw the recent Congressional action on the joint bill as a defeat for Hawaiian statehood hopes, and called it "just a skirmish in the battle for statehood."

"Now," she said, "we know that a asks that all members who plan to attend notify him or the OPC Committee at the PULC headquarters, 555 Post St., San Francisco.

joint bill is impossible" and said that Hawaii can go ahead with plans for single statehood. A similar bill for Alaska, she said, should be easy after Hawaii has been made the 49th state. Hawaii, she said, would bring to the U.S. not only a state which is very close to Pacific affairs, but "the spirit of Aloha," which she described as "an outgoing human characteristic."

President Louis Lochner, who presided at the dinner, read a letter of greeting from the Islands' governor, Samuel Wilder King.

Contributors to the dinner included the Matson Line, United Airlines, Orchids of Hawaii, and the Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co.

Next Week's Program

Next on the Hospitality Committee's list of Tuesday Open Houses is a cocktail party and dinner on June 14 for *Geraldine Fitch*, a longtime OPC member and old China hand, who has just returned from an extended visit to the Far East. She will speak on Quemoy and Matsu and their role in international politics. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7:30. The June 14 Open House was erroneously reported in last week's Bulletin as a dinner.



A sizeable turnout of members and guests welcomed a group of German newsmen and editors, as well as a number of American and other foreign correspondents stationed in Germany, at a cocktail given by Lockheed at the Club to mark the re-entry of Lufthansa German Airlines into international air travel. President Louis Lochner welcomed the guests in German and English in the name of the Overseas Press Club. Shown above are, left to right: R. Fernier of Agence France Presse, Wendell Burch of United Press, Joseph W. Grigg, UP manager for Germany, and Hans Schrem of Lubecker Nachrichten.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ACTIVE

Florence Brobeck, proposed by *Joseph C. Peters*, seconded by *Madeline D. Ross*.

Richard P. Coffin, proposed by *J. Willicombe*, seconded by *Joseph C. Dine*.

Ann Cutler, proposed by *Charles Robins*, seconded by *C.C. Renshaw Jr.*

Malcolm M. Johnson, proposed by *Grace Naismith*, seconded by *Bob Considine*.

Henry LaCossitt, proposed by *Lawrence G. Blochman*, seconded by *N.F. Allman*.

Harry Joseph McDevitt, Jr., proposed by *George F. Burns*, seconded by *James H. Winchester*.

Harold Pratt, proposed by *Bill Davidson*, seconded by *Cornelius Ryan*.

ASSOCIATE

Janet Laib, proposed by *Irwin Forman*, seconded by *Julian Bach Jr.*

H. Cranston Lawton, Jr., proposed by *Joseph Willicombe*, seconded by *Larry Newman*.

Comdr. Nelson Trimble Levings, proposed by *Russell F. Anderson*, seconded by *Gerald L. Finneran*.

Draper Lewis, proposed by *Gloria Dapper*, seconded by *Fred Hechinger*.

Gershon Swet, proposed by *Louis P. Lochner*, seconded by *Victor G. Shimkin*.

Mary C. Voss, proposed by *Kathleen McLaughlin*, seconded by *Thomas P. Whitney*.

AFFILIATE

Leo Widlicka, proposed by *Ansel E. Talbert*, seconded by *John A. Creedy*.

REJOINED

Philip Klarnet, proposed by *J. Winnicour*, seconded by *Fred Rosen*.

Kelley Goes Right To the Top

Frank Kelley, New York Herald Tribune correspondent and past president of the Overseas Press Club, discovered at the recent high-level talks in Belgrade that there ain't nothing like operating on a high level.

Kelley, together with a number of other correspondents, was introduced to Soviet boss Nikita S. Khrushchev by Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito. Tito said in introduction: "These are journalists."

Khrushchev replied with a smile: "These are dangerous people." Then he added: "The trouble is, you do not know the Russian people."

At this point, Kelley got into the act. In English, he said to the Russian: "That is because you keep us out of your country. You do not give us visas. We cannot get in."

Khrushchev asked if Kelley were English, and when the correspondent said he was an American, Khrushchev grabbed his hand and held on.

"You can come in any time you like," he told Kelley. "You can come in tomorrow."

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WILLIAMS DELIVERING CLUB GREETINGS

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"You are meeting at a time when new obstacles are being put in the way of the free flow of news and information by ambitious dictators and their underlings, sometimes also by provincial-minded bureaucrats. No society can be free unless it enjoys a free and untrammelled press. Free access to information is a prerequisite to honest reporting and editorial writing."

In addition to the letter to the Biennale, Founder President Williams carried with him Lochner's greetings to Paris members of the Overseas Press Club. Lochner told the Paris membership that the Club was planning ways and means for greater active participation of overseas members in the work of this club, especially as regards the struggle for maintaining freedom of news."

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